AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Facts are being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Murders and Kidnappings in Delhi

2127. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a marked increase in murders and kidnapping cases in the Capital (Delhi) during 1991; if so, the comparative figures for 1991, 1990 and 1989;

(b) the reasons to which such increase has been attributed; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to meet the situation in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) There has been increase in cases of murder and kidnapping in the Capital during 1991. The figures for 1989, 1990 and 1991 are as under:

Year	Murder	Kidnapping
1989	351	644
1990	394	657
1991	496	658

(b) The main reasons for increase in the crime are rapid urbanisation and increase in population.

(c) The steps taken by Delhi Police to curb crime include increased patrolling; posting of pickets at strategic points; strengthening of intelligence; frequent raids at the hideouts of criminals; increased surveillance; coordination meetings with the officials of the neighbouring states; training of police officers in handling modern weapons; and modernisation of communication network.

Increase in Population

2128. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the increase in population recorded as per census 1991, during the decade 1981—90, and the growth rate of population recorded in each State/Union Territory during the decade as compared to the previous decade;

(b) the States which have registered a decline in the growth rate and also those which have registered an increase and the extent thereof; and

(c) the increase in rural and urban population and the growth rate in each sector, State/UT-wise and the male-female break up thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The increase in population recorded in the 1991 Census over the population as recorded in the 1981 Census, for India, States and Union Territories is given in Column 2 of Annexure No. 49 and the growth rates of population during the decades 1981-91 and 1971-81 for India, States and Union Territories are shown in Cols. 5 and 8 respectively of Annexure No. 48. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 48)

(b) The names of the States/Union Territories which have registered a decline in the growth rate during the decade 1981-91 compared to 1971-81, and the names of the States/Union Territories which have registered an increase in the growth rate during the decade 1981-91 compared to 1971-81 are given in Annexure No. 51 enclosed. The percentage decline in the growth rate and the percentage increase in the growth rate are also indicated against the State/Union Territories concerned in the same annexure. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Annexure No. 51)

(c) The increase in rural and urban population is furnished in Columns 3 and 4 of Annexure No. 48 for persons, in columns 3 and 4 of Annexure No. 49 for males and columns 3 and 4 of Annexure

No. 50 for females. The growth rates of population for rural and urban sectors are given in columns 6 and 7 of Annexure No. 48 for persons, columns 6 and 7 of Statement-II for males and columns 6 and 7 of Annexure No. 50 for females. (*See* Appendix CLXII, Appendix No. 48, 49, 50 and 51)

Demonstration by Scribes

2129. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at least 10 scribes were hurt in the firing and teargas shelling by police on demonstrating journalists near Parliament House on December 24, 1991;

(b) if so, what were the main demands of the journalists; and

(c) what has been Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The Delhi Police has reported that no journalist was injured.

(b) The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has informed that the Journalists' main demands as reflected in Press reports were as under:—

(i) Setting up of a Parliamentary Committee to look into all the labour laws concerning Newspaper industry.

(ii) Maintenance of the independent character of the Navbhara Times.

(iii) Abolition of the contract system in newspapers and other publications and the regularisation of the services of those working on contract.

(iv) Steps to end the 'onslaught' of managements on the freedom of the Press.

(c) The Ministry of Information & Brqadcasting have reported that they have not received any representation from the agiting Journalist Assocation.

Arrest of British Nationals in Nagaland

2130. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N.E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS to be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two British nationals were arrested under the National Security Act in Nagaland recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they were carrying unlicensed arms and did not have permit to go to certain areas in Nagaland;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any investigation has been made with regard to their activities in Nagaland?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While apprehending them, some Chinese made LMG and Rifles along with ammunitions and other articles were recovered. They did not have the permit to enter Nagaland.

(d) A case No. 3(1) 92 was registered under Meluri Police Station and the investigation was handed over to Central Bureau of Investigation.

Militant activities in the country

2131. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the militant activities have increased recently all over the country in general and Delhi in particular;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken to curb these activities;

(c) whether it is a fact that recently a DTC bus was damaged on the Mall Road-Timarpur crossing due to blast, killing one passenger and injuring many others; and

(d) if so, the action Government have taken to apprehend the culprits and also the steps, taken so far to compensate the victim's relations?